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# Medieval Times

Hello Everyone,

Happy September! I hope everyone is enjoying the return of their kiddos to our school. I know we at North Star are excited to have everyone back for another year of learning and activities.

For our elementary parents, you will probably be seeing some pretty big changes in the grades that come home to you this year. To communicate the actual knowledge that your children have acquired in a more meaningful way, we are changing report cards and in many classes the way that assignments are graded. The reason is give you a better representation of what your child does and does not have mastered. In Montana, we have standards that we are required to meet as a public school. At each grade level, students should obtain certain skills and knowledge, and those skills and knowledge will be built on in subsequent grades. On our new report cards, and many assignments you may see, students will be graded on their ability to show their mastery of each of those standards.

The new report cards will look different, and will also come with a key that will hopefully help you be able to know what each of the standards entails. There are four levels of knowledge (and an X if that skill or knowledge has not been assessed) that we will assign to a student, and they are:

- 4 – Exceeds grade level expectations of standards
- 3 – Secure; Independently uses and understands concept/skill or given standard
- 2 – Developing; Uses and understands concept/skill with support for given standard
- 1 – Beginning; Is at the initial stage of understanding concept/skill for given standard
- X – Not assessed at this time

You may see this on some assignments as well. So, by combining this scale information with the standard that your student is working on, it should give you detailed information about whether they are obtaining the knowledge that they will need to move on to future classes, and beyond our schools. Hopefully it will also give you some detailed knowledge of what areas may need some extra work for your students as well.

This system will be rolled out in grades K-6 this fall. Many of you who have had students in Mrs. Lipp's Kindergarten class have seen something very similar already being used by her. We expect that there may be some questions about how the grades work and what they mean at first, and we will be happy to answer any questions. When questions arise, please call or email your child's classroom teacher, as they are the person with first-hand knowledge of your child and their grades. Also, we may adjust along the way to make the system work better. More information will be available at both the fall open house and during parent-teacher conferences, so please don't be afraid to inquire about the grading system if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bart K. Hawkins, Superintendent  
North Star School District 99M  
[bhawkins@nsschools.org](mailto:bhawkins@nsschools.org)



# North Star Events and Activities

## September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> *Volleyball Showcase Gil/Rud  NO SCHOOL	<b>2</b> *Volleyball Showcase Gil/Rud *JH VB Jamboree -Big Sandy *HSFB v. Custer/Hysham-1p Rud
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  NO SCHOOL	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> *Elementary Open House 4:30-6p	<b>7</b> *JH/HS VB v. Chinook-Gild 4p  *Summer Fair in Chester-7p	<b>8</b>  SCHOOL IN SESSION	<b>9</b> HS VB in Sunburst 1p *JH VB in Box Elder 12p *JH/HS FB in Sunburst-7p
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> *School Board Meeting 7p- 	<b>12</b> *JH FB vGeraldine/Highwood-Rud 4p *Booster Club Meeting-Gil 4:30p *Senior Orient. Mtg.-Rud 7p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> *JH/HS VB in Box Elder 4p/6p	<b>15</b>  NO SCHOOL	<b>16</b> *HS VB vCJI-Rud 5p *JHVB at CJI-10a/11a *JH/HS FBv PDB-Rud 10a/1p
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> *JHFB at Valier 4p	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> *HS VB v. Havre Gild 6p *Mid-Quarter *College Fair-Cut Bank JR/SR 8a *JHVB v.St.Judes-Gild 4p	<b>22</b> * Homecoming Parade and Tailgate?  NO SCHOOL	<b>23</b> *HSVB v Sunburst-Rud 5p *JHFBvBig Sandy-Rud 10a *HSFBvAugusta-Rud 1p
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> *JH/JV VB in Big Sandy 4p  *JH FB in Big Sandy 4p	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> *HS VB in Chinook-6p	<b>29</b> *JHVB Tourney at St. Judes/Chinook *HSVB in Big Sandy-4p *HSFB in Big Sandy-7p	<b>30</b> *JHVB Tourney at St. Judes/Chinook *VB Showcase in Ft. Benton

Homecoming Week



# New Staff Members

North Star welcomes four new staff members this year.

## Mr. Kyle Volkman



*To teach is to learn twice. - Joseph Joubert*  
*It is this idea that drove me to go back to college in my mid-twenties to pursue a degree in English and a teaching certification. I have really only ever been interested in learning, and the best way to spend your life in school is to become a teacher. I graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1999 with a dream of someday becoming a teacher. After dropping out of the Music Ed. program at U of M in 2000, I moved to Portland Oregon with my brother where I worked in litigation production for six years. Finally, I decided to continue my dream at Portland Community College and Portland State University where I would earn a BA in English. After twelve years in Portland, it was time for me to return to my roots, so I came back home to work on my Teaching certification through The University of Great Falls. Last year, I taught English in Hinsdale MT. I am somewhat of a computer nerd, and I like nothing more than spending my free time in front of a computer or with a good book. I am very grateful to be asked to be part of this community. I sincerely hope that I will be able to create a culture of learning and inspire a passion for knowledge in the students of North Star High. Thank you all for welcoming me to your community.*

## Mrs. Davilyn McCormick



*I'm Davilyn McCormick and I am the new Title I teacher at the elementary. I received my elementary education degree from MSU-Northern. I grew up in the community and currently live in Kremlin with my husband Chad and kids Quincy, Ethan and Eli. I am excited to be working at North Star this year!*

## Mrs. Sarha Lockridge



*My name is Sarha Lockridge and I am the new paraprofessional. I work half day at the JH/HS and the elementary. I have been in education for 15 years. I have my Masters in education. I have moved here from Arizona with my family. I have a daughter at the elementary and the junior high. I have felt very welcomed here in Montana and can't believe how welcoming and kind people are. I look forward to being a part of your community.*

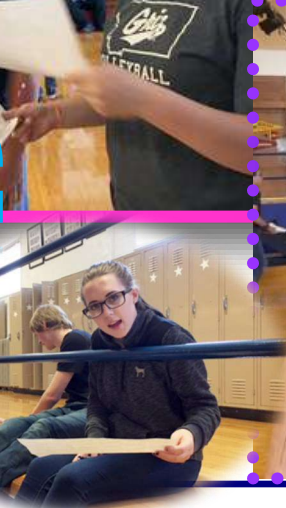
## Mr. Chris Lockridge



*My name is Chris Lockridge and I am the new assistant cook and soon to be bus driver. I am from Arizona and have moved here with my family. I am very passionate about cooking and thankful for the opportunity to help cook for the children at North Star Elementary. I am happy to be part of this awesome community.*

# Human BINGO

*North Star Staff and students spent some time on their first day of school learning about each other by playing "Human Bingo." Questions ranged from summer activities, to travel and foreign languages, to favorite foods like pizza. Everyone was scrambling to fill in their "Bingo cards" so that they would be eligible to win a prize. A great time was had by all, and we did find out some interesting things about each other. We all thought it was a good way to make friends and meet people.*

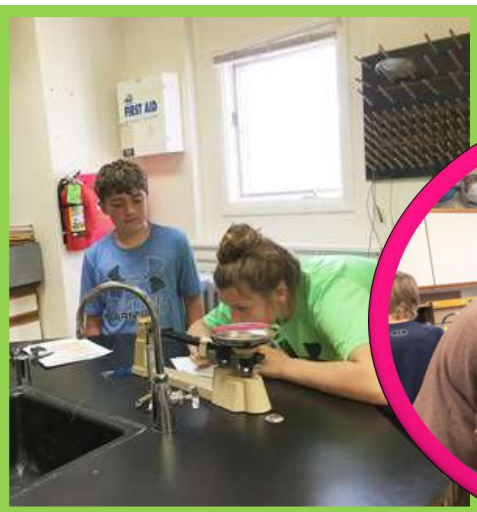


# Science Time

## North Star Schools Future Scientists

*The 7th grade students got their feet wet in the science lab this morning as they began work learning how to measure mass of objects with a 3-beam balance. Not only did they learn how to measure mass directly with the balance, they learned how to find the mass of a liquid by subtracting the mass of the empty beaker from the mass of the beaker filled with water. The third aspect of finding mass is to weigh an empty dish, then increase the reading on*

*the scale by 5g. When they add enough salt to cause the balance to equalize, they will then have collected the necessary 5 grams for their experiment. This is only the first part of their becoming familiar with the lab equipment. In the upcoming days, they will be learning how to use a graduated cylinder to measure the volume of liquids and irregular solids through the process of water displacement. Experiments measuring temperature and length will follow. The students are excited to get into the lab and have been working hard to learn everything they can. "WE LOVE SCIENCE!!" is our motto! What a great year we are going to have.*





# North Star School Season Passes

Activity Season Passes for the 2017-18 school year are now on sale.

**Prices: Family \$250.00, Adult \$125.00, Student \$25.00 K-12,  
Senior Citizen 65 and older admitted free  
Preschool age children free**

**All students in grades 5-12 will be required to purchase an activity pass if they are participating in football, volleyball, basketball, track. Participants will not be able to play in any games until this fee is paid. Students whose families purchase a family pass will not be required to purchase a student pass.**

**This covers all North Star Athletic REGULAR season competitions, EXCLUDES but not limited to the following: Volleyball Showcases Tournament, All Tournament Games- High School and Jr. High, High School Football Playoff Games. Family Season Passes DO NOT INCLUDE COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN.**

**Anyone caught abusing this policy will lose Season Pass admittance and money will be non-refundable.**



## **GYM SHOES NEEDED**

**Gym shoes needed, small sizes such as child's 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. They need not be new, just clean.**





## North Star FCCLA Finds Unlimited Possibilities in Nashville

Three North Star FCCLA members joined over 8,000 members and advisers from across the United States at the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We were fortunate to be able to hold our conference and the competitions in the new Music City Center which is a state of the art facility and the centerpiece to a re-building project in downtown

Nashville. Members listened to inspiring speakers, attended workshops, participated in leadership training and completed at the national level in events related to Family Consumer Sciences education. The theme of this year's conference was "Unlimited Possibilities." Members were challenged to think outside the box, challenge themselves to try new things and take advantage of every opportunity that they came across. Attending from North Star were Chelsea Donaldson and Grace Farinas who competed in "Sports Nutrition" where they developed a comprehensive improvement plan for a student athlete after tracking the athletes' eating habits, exercise, hydration and sleep patterns for a week. The plan they developed was based on research of basic needs of a high school athlete and included an exercise program, an eating plan, hydration plan and sleep plan that was tailored to the athlete they studied. They also had to figure out a way to track the athlete's progress. The girls earned a silver medal for their efforts. Hali Kapperud was elected as the FCCLA State President in March and attended the National Advanced Leadership Academy with officers from across the nation. As State President, Hali had the opportunity to present the Montana state flag at the opening ceremonies and hand out awards at the recognition session.



North Star FCCLA members had the unique opportunity to celebrate Independence Day in downtown Nashville with 200,000 plus visitors. Highlights of the day included a free concert called "Let Freedom Sing" with guests like the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Chris Young and the O'Connor Family Band who played with the Nashville Symphony to end the evening. The fireworks display was phenomenal. The fireworks were shot off over the Cumberland River as it flows through downtown Nashville. It lasted for over 40 minutes of uninterrupted display thrilling the crowds watching. Another special event during the week was a private concert for FCCLA by Dan & Shay that was held in the First Tennessee Park. North Star also attended the Grand Ole Opry while in Nashville.

The North Star FCCLA group was accompanied by Marjorie Chinadle, North Star FCCLA Adviser as well as Kathy Preeshl and Linda Lett who joined us as chaperones. A huge THANK YOU to Hill County Electric, Triangle Communications, North Star Education Foundation and the North Star Booster Club as well as many area businesses for their generous support of this trip.



**Congratulations to the  
2017-2018 North Star  
Student Body Officers!**



**President: Jewel Wicks**

**Vice-President: Peytan King**



### **Knight in Need**

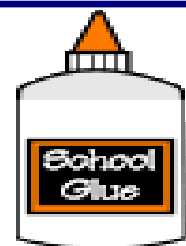
North Star School has a "Knight in Need" program this year. It is similar to "My Student in Need" that you may have heard about or read about in the local papers. If your student has a need for school supplies, school clothing/shoes, or other materials for school, please send the information via email to Carol Tempel at [ctempel@nsschools.org](mailto:ctempel@nsschools.org) or call her at 355-4481 or text to 390-2701. Please provide, size, color, item and any other information. School staff members may also identify a need and provide the information to Mrs. Tempel. All information is strictly confidential. If the need is approved, students will receive the item discreetly and in a confidential manner. A huge thank you to anonymous community members for helping to provide school supplies for our student body.

### **NORTH STAR BOOSTER CLUB**

## *Meeting*



The North Star Booster Club Meeting will be held on  
September 12, at 4:30 p.m. in the Elementary School  
Teacher's Lounge. Everyone is invited to attend.



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The North Star Teachers and Staff support the notion that learning is enhanced with sufficient sleep. Students learn best when they have had enough sleep and aren't overly tired at school. Elementary aged children need more sleep than the upper classes (see chart below).

You can help your child get a restful night of sleep by creating a bedtime routine that may include any or all of the following: reading, bathing, brushing teeth, talking about your day, snuggling, or more. Your child will sleep best if they have no screen time (including phones, iPads, TV, etc.) for at least an hour before bedtime. Aim to start your bedtime routine at the same time each school night.

With your diligence at home, our students will be rested and prepared for optimal learning during the school day!

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter!



- 1 month—9 to 19 hrs/day (avg 14.4 hrs)
- 3 months—10.3 to 18.8 hrs/day (avg 14.6 hrs)
- 6 months—10.4 to 18.1 hrs/day (avg 14.2 hrs)
- 9 months—10.5 to 17.4 hrs/day (avg 13.9 hrs)
- 1 yr—11.4 to 16.5 hrs/day (avg 13.9 hrs)
- 2 yrs—10.8 to 15.6 hrs/day (avg 13.2 hrs)
- 3 yrs—10.3 to 14.8 hrs/day (avg 12.5 hrs)
- 4 yrs—9.7 to 14 hrs/day (avg 11.8 hrs)
- 5 yrs—9.5 to 13.3 hrs/day (avg 11.4 hrs)
- 6 yrs—9.3 to 12.6 hrs/day (avg 11 hrs)
- 7 yrs—9.2 to 12.1 hrs/day (avg 10.6 hrs)
- 8 yrs—9 to 11.7 hrs/day (avg 10.4 hrs)
- 9 yrs—8.8 to 11.4 hrs/day (avg 10.1 hrs)
- 10 yrs—8.6 to 11.1 hrs/day (avg 9.9 hrs)
- 11 yrs—8.3 to 10.9 hrs/day (avg 9.6 hrs)
- 12 yrs—8 to 10.7 hrs/day (avg 9.3 hrs)
- 13 yrs—7.7 to 10.4 hrs/day (avg 9 hrs)
- 14 yrs—7.3 to 10.1 hrs/day (avg 8.7 hrs)
- 15 yrs—7 to 9.9 hrs/day (avg 8.4 hrs)
- 16 yrs—6.6 to 9.6 hrs/day (avg 8.1 hrs)

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# North Star Knights

## Football Schedule 2017



DATE	EVENT	SITE	JH	V
Friday, August 11	First Day of Practice	Rudyard		TBA
Monday, August 14	First Day of Practice	Rudyard	TBA	
Saturday, September 2	Custer-Hysham Rebels	Rudyard		1:00PM
Saturday, September 9	Sunburst Refiners**	Sunburst	4:00PM	7:00PM
Tuesday, September 12	Geraldine-Highwood MountainCats	Rudyard	4:00PM	
Saturday, September 16	Power-Dutton Brady Titans**	Rudyard	10:00AM	1:00PM
Tuesday, September 19	Valier Panthers	Valier	4:00PM	
Saturday, September 23	Augusta Elks**	Rudyard		1:00PM
Tuesday, September 26	Big Sandy Pioneers	Big Sandy	4:00PM	
Friday, September 29	Big Sandy Pioneers**	Big Sandy		7:00PM
Tuesday, October 3	Big Sandy Pioneers	Rudyard	4:00PM	
Saturday, October 7	Heart Butte Warriors**	Heart Butte	10:00AM	1:00PM
Saturday, October 14	Valier Panthers**	Rudyard		1:00PM
Wednesday, October 18	Geraldine-Highwood Rivals**	Highwood		2:00PM
Saturday, October 28	1st Round of 6-Man Playoffs	TBD		1:00PM
Saturday, November 4	Quarterfinals 6-Man Playoffs	TBD		1:00PM
Saturday, November 11	Semi-Finals 6-Man Playoffs	TBD		1:00PM
Saturday, November 18	State Championship 6-Man	TBD		1:00PM

*Labor Day Weekend*

*Homecoming*

*Fan Appreciation Day*

## North Star Knights Volleyball Schedule 2017

DATE	EVENT	SITE	JH	JV	V
Friday, August 11	First Day of Practice	Rudyard		TBA	TBA
Monday, August 14	First Day of Practice	Rudyard	TBA		
Saturday, August 26	C-J-I Hi-Line   Box Elder	Rudyard	9:00AM++		
Saturday, August 26	Belt Preseason Showcase	Belt			TBA
Friday, September 1	North Star Showcase	RDY/GFD		TBA	TBA
Saturday, September 2	Big Sandy   Chinook	Big Sandy	9 10AM		
Saturday, September 2	North Star Showcase	RDY/GFD		TBA	TBA
Thursday, September 7	Chinook Sugarbeeters**	Gildford	4:00PM	6:00PM	+20mins
Saturday, September 9	Chinook   Hays-Lodgepole	Box Elder	11AM 12PM		
Saturday, September 9	Sunburst Refiners	Sunburst		1:00PM	+20mins
Thursday, September 14	Box Elder Bears**	Box Elder	4:00PM	6:00PM	+20mins
Saturday, September 16	St. Jude Thaddeus   Hays-Lodgepole	Chester	10 11AM		
Saturday, September 16	C-J-I Hi-Line Hawks**	Rudyard			6:00PM
Thursday, September 21	St. Jude Thaddeus	Gildford	4:00PM		
Thursday, September 21	Havre Blue Ponies	Gildford		6:00PM	+20mins
Saturday, September 23	Sunburst Refiners	Rudyard		5:00PM	+20mins
Tuesday, September 26	Big Sandy Pioneers	Big Sandy	4:00PM	6:00PM	
Thursday, September 28	Chinook Sugarbeeters**	Chinook		6:00PM	+20mins
Friday, September 29	Big Sandy Pioneers**	Big Sandy			4:00PM
Friday-Saturday Sept. 29-30	District 9C JH Volleyball Tourney	St. Jude   Chinook	TBD		
Saturday, September 30	Fort Benton Midseason Showcase	Ft. Benton			TBA
Friday, October 6	Hays-Lodgepole Thunderbirds**	Gildford			5:00PM +20min
Saturday, October 7	Box Elder Bears**	Gildford		5:00PM	+20mins
Friday, October 13	Big Sandy Pioneers**	Rudyard		5:00PM	+20mins
Saturday, October 14	Havre Blue Ponies	Havre		9:00AM	+20mins
Tuesday, October 17	C-J-I Hi-Line Hawks**	Chester			6:00PM
Thur.-Fri., Oct. 26-27	District 6C East Volleyball Tourney	Chester			TBA
Thur.-Sat., Nov. 2-4	Divisional Volleyball Tourney	Chinook			TBA
Thur.-Sat., Nov. 9-11	State All-Class Tournament	Bozeman			TBA

*Let's Day Weekend  
Showcase - North Star VSP, Great  
Falls Central, Big Sandy,  
Chinook, Sunburst, Ft. Benton,  
Gardner-Sandy, Augusta, Col. Blvd  
JV*

*Hornswallowing*

*For Appreciation Knight*



## 2017-2018 Speech & Drama Season

Oct. 28      Havre

Nov. 11      Conrad

Nov. 18      Browning

Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2        Shelby

Dec. 9        Cut Bank or Malta

Dec. 16      C-J-I/North Star in Chester

Christmas Break

Jan. 6        Chinook

Jan. 13      Simms/PDB-Simms School hosting?

Jan. 20      Divisional-Choteau

Jan. 26-27 B-C State -Huntley Project





## **North Star Booster Club** **Dues**



**\$25.00 per family**  
**\$50.00 business membership**  
**Funds support school activities K-12**

Send checks to either school in care of North Star Booster Club. Thank you for your support.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **October:**

10th-Flu Clinic-Elem (am) JH/HS (pm)  
18th-20th-1:30 Dismissal Wed./MEA Conventions  
20th-All State Band/Choir in Bozeman  
26th-End of First Quarter  
26th-28th-District VB Tourney at CJJ  
28th-1st Round FB Playoffs  
29th-Community Halloween Party-2-4p

#### **November:**

2-4th-Div. VB Tourney in Chinook  
4th-FB Quarterfinals  
9-11th-State Volleyball Tourney in Bozeman  
11th-FB Semi-Finals  
16th-1st Day of BB Practice  
18th-State 6-Man FB  
22-26th-Thanksgiving Break  
27-28th-Honor Music Festival

#### **December:**

7th-Mid-Quarter  
14th-Elementary Christmas Concert-6:30p  
19th-JH/HS Christmas Concert-7p  
22-Jan. 2-Holiday Break

#### **January:**

14th- Senior Night  
17th- Mid-quarter  
18th- North Star Science Fair  
19th-22nd- District Basketball Tourney

